

**Clark, Jill - Medicaid**

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**From:** Clark, Jill - Medicaid  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 06, 2010 3:37 PM  
**To:** 'Brian\_Downey@finance-rep.senate.gov'  
**Subject:** Top Ten Medicaid Prescribers, 2008-2009  
**Attachments:** 10-212 Brian Downey\_Report.pdf

Dear Mr. Downey,

I have attached the pdf file as requested for the top ten Medicaid prescribers for 2008 and 2009.

Thank you,

Jill Clark  
Administrative Assistant  
Division of Medicaid  
208-364-1820 P  
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**\*\*Please be aware, our offices will be closed every other Friday, beginning January 22, 2010, until June 11, 2010.\*\***

5/6/2010



State of Idaho  
Department of Health and Welfare  
Top 10 Prescribers by  
Claim Count for 2008-2009  
for Abilify, Geodon, Seroquel, Zyprexa, Risperdal,  
OxyContin, Rosicodone and Xanax

\*Missing information indicates no prescriptions for drug was paid during the time period.

Run Date: 4/22/2010

Report Number: Response for Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

<u>Prescriber Identifier</u>	<u>Total Prescriptions</u>	<u>Total Billed to Medicaid</u>
<b>Abilify, 2008</b>		
M5594	957	\$424,537.29
O184	1,051	\$381,278.74
M9188	495	\$183,083.99
NP599A	344	\$141,571.46
NP446A	317	\$122,398.74
O0391	315	\$118,731.12
NP391A	277	\$113,386.38
O144	322	\$104,208.52
NP395A	267	\$93,766.47
NP656A	212	\$92,159.06
<b>Abilify, 2009</b>		
O184	1,094	\$427,068.20
M5594	693	\$349,107.16
M9188	505	\$202,720.06
NP820A	430	\$172,001.33
O0391	414	\$165,572.35
NP395A	382	\$153,658.84
O144	358	\$137,554.89
PA724	310	\$134,096.36
NP446A	325	\$119,088.07
NP599A	230	\$108,957.27

<u>Prescriber Identifier</u>	<u>Total Prescriptions</u>	<u>Total Billed to Medicaid</u>
<b>Geodon, 2008</b>		
M9188	343	\$86,149.04
M5594	200	\$68,695.39
NP656A	178	\$48,588.20
NP722A	179	\$47,309.01
O335	170	\$46,963.41
NP599A	142	\$45,708.69
M8429	179	\$42,645.91
M8916	125	\$39,769.83
M6940	166	\$35,478.01
M5597	99	\$30,305.25
<b>Geodon, 2009</b>		
M9188	373	\$97,524.20
NP599A	162	\$61,807.20
NP722A	139	\$55,417.60
O335	179	\$50,871.93
M8916	124	\$47,370.77
NP656A	144	\$43,687.05
M5594	135	\$43,107.51
PA248	125	\$41,933.25
M5243	129	\$41,290.73
PA615	122	\$39,097.17

<b>Seroquel, 2008</b>		
M6940	908	\$311,059.28
M5594	791	\$301,658.65
M9188	769	\$189,758.22
O184	620	\$166,753.03
NP599A	469	\$151,924.12
NP446A	437	\$149,878.45
NP656A	297	\$118,910.04
CN815A	366	\$113,484.24
M5243	323	\$111,947.48
M6074	328	\$108,865.06

<b>Seroquel, 2009</b>		
M6940	956	\$397,040.07
M9188	678	\$208,473.37
NP599A	515	\$175,142.32
M5594	408	\$163,301.14
O184	557	\$162,416.99
NP446A	378	\$138,916.71
NP656A	318	\$132,251.40
NP801A	363	\$114,672.23
M5243	293	\$112,602.85
M6074	271	\$105,423.98

<u>Prescriber Identifier</u>	<u>Total Prescriptions</u>	<u>Total Billed to Medicaid</u>
<b>Zyprexa, 2008</b>		
NP391A	200	\$113,020.95
M7685	182	\$88,272.77
M9188	188	\$87,809.54
M5654	185	\$81,430.11
O184	224	\$74,383.17
NP458A	105	\$64,746.65
M8916	85	\$58,871.58
NP599A	110	\$57,106.28
M7132	128	\$56,677.14
M4915	128	\$55,235.62
<b>Zyprexa, 2009</b>		
M7685	197	\$135,313.41
M8916	183	\$129,390.21
NP391A	151	\$102,090.58
M9188	197	\$94,631.77
O184	226	\$79,585.93
NP599A	129	\$71,841.36
M5654	139	\$70,757.28
NP446A	125	\$67,589.57
M5243	156	\$66,476.98
NP395A	126	\$48,095.66
<b>Risperdal, 2008</b>		
CNS15A	336	\$170,566.29
NP599A	316	\$123,550.62
NP391A	276	\$90,932.87
M9188	361	\$78,014.00
NP662A	156	\$77,822.99
M7685	159	\$76,194.48
M8621	219	\$70,963.29
O184	291	\$57,800.17
M5243	208	\$56,927.44
NP446A	307	\$55,724.11
<b>Risperdal, 2009</b>		
CNS15A	179	\$107,814.09
M7685	143	\$102,679.72
NP599A	124	\$97,691.41
NP395A	127	\$89,224.18
NP662A	77	\$55,364.96
NP656A	62	\$51,728.15
M8621	61	\$51,206.55
NP801A	70	\$50,588.99
M9458	59	\$40,876.41
PA514	78	\$40,597.50

<u>Prescriber Identifier</u>	<u>Total Prescriptions</u>	<u>Total Billed to Medicaid</u>
<b>OxyContin, 2008</b>		
NP644A	106	\$42,737.62
MD00031913	22	\$28,382.83
M9452	78	\$27,657.46
M7469	39	\$27,176.14
O109	13	\$25,043.07
M9088	70	\$20,589.13
M8989	17	\$20,015.17
O259	35	\$19,772.22
M5883	28	\$19,434.12
NP732A	23	\$18,742.93

<b>OxyContin, 2009</b>		
M9452	102	\$56,737.13
MD00031913	24	\$33,914.47
O259	45	\$33,809.77
M9987	66	\$28,620.27
O109	14	\$26,702.97
NP644A	60	\$26,329.23
M9772	52	\$25,425.52
M7469	28	\$21,893.31
M9150	26	\$21,543.46
PA368	41	\$19,007.14

<b>Roxicodone, 2008</b>		
MD00046330	1	\$27.76

<b>Roxicodone, 2009</b>		
M10141	1	\$33.44
O292	1	\$23.98

<b>Xanax, 2009</b>		
M6335	3	\$562.47

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January 23, 2012

**VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION**

Dick Armstrong  
Director, Department of Health and Welfare  
450 West State Street  
Boise, ID 83702

Dear Director Armstrong:

Your office provided my staff with data regarding the top ten prescribers of several pain management and mental health drugs in your state. These types of drugs have addictive properties, and the potential for fraud and abuse by prescribers and patients is extremely high. Mental health drugs continue to be prescribed at astounding rates and pain management clinics are turning into a hotbed for black market painkillers. When these drugs are prescribed to Medicaid patients, it is the American people who pay the price for over-prescription, abuse, and fraud.

After an extensive review of prescribing habits of the serial prescribers of pain and mental health drugs in your state, I have concerns about the oversight and enforcement of Medicaid abuse in your state. While I am sensitive to concerns about the potential for misinterpretation of the data you provided, the numbers themselves are quite shocking.

For example, the top prescriber of OxyContin wrote nearly double the amount of prescriptions as the next provider in the top ten, and more than eight times another prescriber in the top ten. These outliers are consistent with several of the antipsychotic drugs as well—with the top prescribers writing double or triple the number of prescriptions as the other prescribers on the list.

It is my intention to ensure that each of the states is adequately monitoring, investigating, and stopping fraud and over-prescription of these types of drugs. Therefore, please provide answers to the following questions:

1. What action, if any, has your agency taken with respect to the prescribers identified to the Committee?
2. If there has been no action taken with respect to these prescribers, please explain why not.
3. Please identify which of the providers identified to the Committee remain eligible to bill the Medicaid Program.
4. Please provide the 2010 and 2011 numbers for the top prescribers of these same drugs.
5. Has each of these prescribers been cross-checked for complaints or misconduct with the state medical board or the National Practitioner Data Bank? If not, do you plan to do so?
6. Have any of the prescribers identified to this Committee been referred to your state medical board?
7. Is there any system set up in your state to identify and monitor excessive prescription writing? If not, why not?
8. Have you received any training or guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Studies to help identify potential issues with prescription drugs?
9. Does your state maintain a database of all prescribed controlled-substances? If so, what entities have access to it?
10. Does your state have any point-of-sale restrictions related to maximum units, prior authorization, therapeutic duplication, or early refill? If not, why not?
11. Were any of these top ten prescribers identified in the federal-mandated Drug Utilization Review or CMS-base retrospective reviews?
12. Does your state have any programs in place to educate providers about the prescription of antipsychotics to children and adolescents?

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and attention in this matter. When responding to this letter, please number your answers in accordance with my questions. I would appreciate a response by February 13, 2012. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Erika Smith of my staff at (202) 224-5225.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chuck Grassley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary



-----Original Message-----

From: Boyd, Elsie R. - CO 10th [mailto:BoydE@dhw.idaho.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 6:05 PM

To: 'Project'

Subject: RE: Re RECORDS REQUEST - Idaho

Trish,

We did not receive the original letter from Senator Grassley and so have no record of a response. Since the deadline has passed for submitting a response to the Senator, we do not anticipate creating anything at this point.

Thanks for checking.

Elsie

-----Original Message-----

From: Project [mailto:Project@PsychSearch.net]

Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 3:49 PM

To: Boyd, Elsie R. - CO 10th

Subject: Re RECORDS REQUEST - Idaho

Elsie,

What's the ETA on these records.

Best,

Trish

-----Original Message-----

From: Project [mailto:Project@PsychSearch.net]

Sent: Friday, March 16, 2012 10:55 AM

To: 'Boyd, Elsie R. - CO 10th'

Subject: RE: RECORDS REQUEST - Idaho

The request is below - Feb 22.

The letter from Grassley is attached.

Please provide an electronic copy via email of your entire response to the attached U.S. Senator Grassley letter sent to you.

Sincerely,

Trish O'Hara

-----Original Message-----

From: Boyd, Elsie R. - CO 10th [mailto:BoydE@dhw.idaho.gov]  
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2012 10:45 AM  
To: 'Project'  
Subject: RE: RECORDS REQUEST - Idaho

Please resend this request; we do not show receipt. Additionally, we do not have record of correspondence with Senator Grassley.

Elsie Boyd  
Executive Assistant to the Director  
Department of Health and Welfare

-----Original Message-----

From: Project [mailto:Project@PsychSearch.net]  
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2012 8:25 PM  
To: Boyd, Elsie R. - CO 10th  
Subject: RE: RECORDS REQUEST - Idaho

Dick?  
What is the ETA on the records I requested?  
Sincerely,  
Trish

From: Project [mailto:Project@PsychSearch.net]  
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 10:20 PM  
To: 'BoydE@dhw.idaho.gov'  
Subject: RECORDS REQUEST - Idaho

Dear Dick,

This is a request for public records.

Please provide an electronic copy via email of your entire response to the attached U.S. Senator Grassley letter sent to you.

Sincerely,

Trish O'Hara